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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 1060

KINSHASA PLEASE POUCH BUKAVU

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CG, PINS, PINT
SUBJECT: WARNING LETTER

REF: BORG/SARGENT LETTER, JANUARY 23, 1978 (NOTAL)

1. CONSULATE RECEIVED BASICALLY ANONYMOUS LETTER AUGUST 26
SUPPORTING FRONT NATIONAL DE LIBERATION CONGOLAISE (FNLC),
CRITICIZING AMERICAN POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR PRESENT REGIME,
AND CALLING FOR REFORMS -- INCLUDING REMOVAL OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU --
WITH UNSPECIFIC THREAT AGAINST "AMERICANS" IF "ULTIMATUM"
DATE FOR CHANGES OF SEPTEMBER 10 NOT MET. LETTER REQUESTED
CONSULATE DELIVER COPIES OF LETTER TO BELGIAN CONSUL GENERAL
AND SHABA COMMISSAIRE DE REGION AND INDICATED THAT COPIES HAD
ALSO BEEN SENT TO ZAMBIAN CONSULATE GENERAL.

2. LETTER WAS HEADED ELISABETHVILLE (FORMER NAME OF LUBUM-L
BASHI), AUGUST 21, 1978. IT HAD BEEN MAILED LOCALLY AND
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WAS TYPED WITH ONLY A FEW ERRORS ON A GOOD TYPEWRITER.
PREVIOUS THREATENING LETTERS RECEIVED BY CONSULATE WERE
HANDWRITTEN OR TYPED IN FRACTURED FRENCH AND DID NOT MEN-
TION FNLC. (REF). LETTER WAS SIGNED "MUT" WHICH COULD
BE ANYTHING.

3. LETTER STATES THAT THE US IS "AT THE BASE OF ALL THE

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SUFFERING" IN ZAIRE, SUPPORTING MOBUTU BECAUSE WE FEAR THAT WE AND THE WEST WILL BE EXPELLED FROM "KATANGA" IF HE GOES. LETTER DENIES THAT "KATANGANS" CONTINUE TO LONG FOR SECESSION. IT CITES WAYS IN WHICH MOBUTU'S RULE CAUSES ECONOMIC AND OTHER "MISERY TO REIGN AMONG THE PEOPLE" AND CITES TWO EXAMPLES OF RECENT BAD FAITH ON PART OF GOZ. LETTER CHARGES THAT THIRTY OF THE CIVILIANS WHO HAVE RETURNED TO KOLWEZI SINCE THE EVENTS WERE KILLED DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14-18. (CONSULATE OFFICERS VISITED KOLWEZI AUGUST 22-24 AND DID NOT HEAR THAT STORY THERE BUT THAT PROVES NOTHING.) SECOND EXAMPLE CITED WAS ARREST OF THREE PERSONS IN KATUBA QUARTER OF LUBUMBASHI FOR HAVING TRUNK WITH MILITARY UNIFORMS IN IT IN THE ROOF OF THEIR HOUSE. ONE WAS BANPULA AND WAS RELEASED. OTHER TWO WERE "KATANGANS" AND WERE EXECUTED, WRITER CHARGES. LETTER ASKS ZAMBIAN CONSUL GENERAL TO REQUEST ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT TO KEEP KATANGAN REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA TO AVOID SIMILAR FATE.

4. REFORMS CALLED FOR INCLUDE:
A. IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE OF "J.D. MOBUTU" FROM POWER,
B. RAPID ORGANIZATION OF LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN "THE CONGO," AND,
C. INSTALLATION OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

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5. WE ARE GIVEN "A RELATIVELY LONG DELAY" OF NINETEEN DAYS, TO SEPTEMBER 10, TO BRING ABOUT THESE CHANGES. AFTER THAT DATE, "NO ONE SHOULD BE SURPRISED AT WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE CONGO." LETTER CLOSES, "WE, THE CONGOLESE PEOPLE, ARE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE INITIATIVE OF THE FNLC, HE WHO LIVES WILL SEE."

6. CONSUL DELIVERED BELGIAN CONSUL GENERAL'S COPY TO HIM. HE RECEIVED IT WITH ONLY SOME VERY CONFUSED COMMENTS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FNLC AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA AND MINISTRY IN BRUSSELS. ZAMBIAN CONSUL GENERAL IS IN KINSHASA. AT THE MOMENT, WE SEE NO GOOD REASON TO DELIVER COPY OF LETTER TO THE COMMISSAIRE DE REGION, GENERAL SINGA, UNTIL WE HAVE CARRIED OUT FURTHER RESEARCH. (HIS REACTION COULD INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, PLACING FAZ OR PAF GUARDS ON CONSULATE AND/OR RESIDENCES, WHICH WE DECIDEDLY DO NOT WANT UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.)

7. IN THE MEANTIME, STAFF HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF LETTER AND CAUTIONED TO EXERCISE MORE THAN NORMAL VIGILANCE OVER COMING WEEKS.

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8. CONSULATE POUCHING COPY OF LETTER TO KINSHASA.
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